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### Japan to approve 3 new flavorings

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**Report Highlights:**

On May 22, the Japanese Government announced it would designate three new food additives: 2-Pentanol, Propionaldehyde and 6-Methylquinoline. The domestic comment period has closed already however MHLW will also notify these proposed changes to the WTO/SPS committee, which will provide another chance for public comments to be submitted on this subject.

**General Information:**

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## **Designation of Food Additives**

### Purpose and background

The Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare is going to newly designate three substances as authorized food additives.

Under Article 10 of the Food Sanitation Law, food additives can be used or marketed only when they are designated by the Minister of Health, Labour and Welfare. When use standards or compositional specifications are established for food additives based on Article 11 of the law, those additives are not permitted to be used or marketed unless they meet these standards or specifications.

In response to a request from the Minister, the Subcommittee on Food Additives under the Food Sanitation Committee under the Pharmaceutical Affairs and Food Sanitation Council has discussed the adequacy of the authorization of the three substances (2-Pentanol, Propionaldehyde, and 6-Methylquinoline). The subcommittee has concluded as follows.

### Outline of conclusion

The Minister should designate 2-Pentanol, Propionaldehyde, and 6-Methylquinoline, based on Article 10 of the Food Sanitation Law, as food additives unlikely to harm human health and establish compositional specifications and other necessary standards for the substances, based on Article 11 of the law (see Attachments 2-1, 2-2 and 2-3).